

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)
Amateur Radio Service Rules to Eliminate) RM - 10786
Morse Code Proficiency Testing Requirements)
For All Classes of Amateur Licenses)
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To: The Commission:)

Comments of Andrew S. Loomis, KE0UL:

I am in full support of the proposed rulemaking, outlined in RM-10786, regarding the elimination of the Morse Code requirement for all license grades in the Amateur Radio Service.

I have been a volunteer examiner (Extra Class) for the ARRL/VEC team since its inception, and in my experience both on-the-air and in visiting with license applicants prior to, and after examination sessions, it is very evident to me that the Morse Code requirement has become nothing more than a meaningless hurdle, without practical value, to nearly all prospective hams. Few, if any, prospective hams have expressed intent to use the CW mode of operation. To most, it is simply a traditional relic of the past, and it has no realistic application to modern radio communication.

Additionally, since the IARU has already discontinued the Morse Code requirements, it would seem both prudent and efficient for the United States to concur with their reasonings and eliminate the domestic burden of Morse Code testing on both the applicants and the pool of volunteer examiners.

Respectfully submitted,

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